

energy tax, and now, create a tax on those the Democrats call wealthy but who you and I call job creators and entrepreneurs. While I'm no economist, I'm pretty certain that no one in their right minds would call this a "pro-growth" agenda.

Remember earlier this year when Congress cracked down on abusive practices by credit card companies? Supporters argued this plan was needed because too many saw credit cards as a license to spend with little or no financial repercussions. Well, maybe we need a congressional "credit card" reform. While there are some in this Chamber who use the U.S. Treasury like a credit card with no limit, our children and grandchildren will be paying for this shortsightedness.

Let's start by rejecting this trillion-plus-dollar fiasco being billed as health care "reform."

POSITIVE SOLUTIONS NEEDED

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, our Nation is enduring one of the most troubling economic periods in its history: 3.5 million Americans have been laid off since this Congress began. Unemployment is approaching 10 percent.

Americans are looking for leadership and real solutions to promote economic growth and create good jobs, but the Democrats in charge only offer more borrowing and spending that's delaying recovery and job growth. Americans have lost confidence and trust in this majority to lead us to recovery.

Republicans have positive solutions that the American people support: in the economy, to encourage small business, the job creation engine of this Nation; in the area of energy, an all-you-can-create energy policy that would make us independent from foreign oil; and in the area of health care, no government takeover, but putting patients and their families, along with doctors, in charge.

Positive solutions are needed, and we ask all House Members of reason to work together for these positive solutions.

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution of inquiry directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House information in his possession relating to the attempted transfer of detainees held at Guantánamo Bay into the United States.

I have respectfully asked Attorney General Holder on three occasions—March 13, April 23, and May 13—for specific information about his intentions with regard to the transfer of detainees

to the U.S. and how he would protect the communities surrounding detainees held in the U.S. I do not believe these were unusual, unreasonable requests.

After waiting 118 days for a response, I received only a cursory letter from the Justice Department's Office of Legislative Affairs last Thursday that failed to address a single question. Worse, the information included was nothing more than a summary of press releases.

The Attorney General's failure to respond to legitimate congressional inquiries is a disservice to the President and the American people.

This resolution would hold the Attorney General to the President's public commitment to transparency and accountability.

DAMAGING EFFECTS OF CAP-AND-TRADE

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. I know there was a pause in the cap-and-tax debate last week, but don't worry, for my colleagues on the other side, we're going to continue to talk about the damaging effects of cap-and-tax. Why? Because jobs will be lost.

The 212-219 vote was a victory for us who were opposing the cap-and-tax bill. In fact, it was a bipartisan "no" vote. It was a bipartisan "no" vote against job loss.

This is a picture of miners who lost their jobs in the last Clean Air Act amendments; 1,200 in this one mine alone.

What's our solution? An all-of-the-above strategy that opens up the Outer Continental Shelf for revenues for renewable fuels, coal for electricity and fuel, wind and solar, nuclear power, renewable fuels.

Those are the job-creating engines that will help us get out of this economic recession. We can't do that by raising energy prices. We can only do that by lowering it. That's the all-of-the-above energy strategy that we have brought to the floor as Republicans. We have to vote against the cap-and-tax bill.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S RESIGNATION ADDRESS

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. We heard our President say that we're not a Christian Nation—and he may be right, but for those like the President whose education was lacking a great deal in the fullness of our history, I wanted to refer to the greatest resignation of all times.

When George Washington led the military in the Revolution, he did what no man has ever done before or since—won the Revolution and resigned and went home.

In his resolution, the last paragraph on this document said, "I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have you, and the State over which you preside, in His holy protection, that He would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States, and particularly for the brethren who have served in the field; and finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy Nation."

That was George Washington.

NEED FOR FISCAL DISCIPLINE

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. As most Americans know, in February of this year, this Democrat Congress and this administration passed a \$1 trillion stimulus bill, with the promise that we would see immediate relief. Even at the Web site for the Recovery Act there is the statement, The Recovery Act is providing immediate fiscal relief, et cetera, et cetera. But the facts tell a different story, Mr. Speaker.

The administration said that if the stimulus bill was passed, that unemployment wouldn't pass 8 percent. It's 9.5 today. Almost 2 million Americans have lost their job since the stimulus was passed.

Remarkably, this administration continues to argue that the stimulus is working. The President of the United States actually said the stimulus had "done its job," and in fact told CNN over the weekend that the stimulus was "working exactly as we anticipated."

His own Treasury Secretary said that the country was "going through a necessary and healthy adjustment." A healthy economy, a stimulus bill that had done its job?

Mr. Speaker, the American people know better. What we need in this Congress is not another big, old giveaway stimulus bill. What we need is fiscal discipline for Washington, D.C., and tax relief for working families, small businesses, and family farms. That's the Republican prescription for a real recovery, and we ought to get on with it.

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THE ELITIST VIEW OF CAP-AND-TRADE

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission